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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 3rd June 2023

Open Day at VVCE on June 4

Mysuru, June 3- Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru, is organising an "Open Day" on Sunday (June 4) from 10 am to 6 pm at its auditorium in Gokulam 3rd Stage.

Experts will inform PUC students about CET counselling. There will be lectures by experts on various engineering disciplines and the skills required for each discipline.

Under-graduate and post-graduate students can interact with industry experts to learn more about emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning, Cyber Technology, Block Chain, IoT (Internet of Things), VR and AR (Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality).

VVCE students will display the projects they have done and give more information about it. Public can visit various Departments and learn about projects, research activities, start-up hub, student clubs, new ventures going on in the institute premises.

Public, High School and College students can participate and get more information about their future education, according to a press release from Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda, Principal, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The High Court has come down heavily on the "sorry state of affairs" of Government Schools in Karnataka, many of which lack basic infrastructure like drinking water and toilets. Referring to the data submitted by amicus curiae K.N. Phanindra, the Court observed that 464 Government Schools did not have toilets and 87 did not have drinking water at a time when private institutions are providing mineral water to their students. All Schools had toilets only in seven districts, namely, Chamarajanagar, Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, Uttara Kannada, Hassan, Kodagu and Mysuru. Kalaburagi topped the list of districts where students had no access to toilets and drinking water.

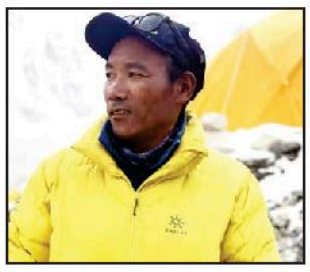
While education is a fundamental right according to the Constitution, the Right to Education Act makes it incumbent upon the State Government to provide basic infrastructure, including an all-weather building with barrier-free access, separate toilets for boys and girls, safe drinking water, and a library and playground. But often, they exist only on paper. Most students in these Schools are from disadvantaged groups, weaker sections and socially and educationally backward classes. Though the State is charged by the Constitution with providing good quality elementary education, Government Schools are in no way comparable to private institutions in terms of infrastructure and quality of teaching.

This amounts to discrimination against the poorest of the poor. The High Court is likely to take a dim view of the continued non-compliance by the Government and perhaps haul the Officers concerned for contempt. Unfortunately, the Government does not treat education as a core sector, with the budgetary allocation hovering around just 12%. The new Government, particularly Primary and Secondary Education Minister Madhu Bangarappa, should immediately address this problem and ensure that Government Schools are in no way inferior to private ones. Unless the less privileged sections are provided with high quality education, they will not be able to compete with those coming out of private institutions when it comes to higher education and jobs.

— In Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Sherpa climbs Mt. Everest for 27th time



Nepal: Nepal's legendary climber, Kami Rita Sherpa, broke his own record by scaling Mount Everest for the 27th time. Kami Rita Sherpa, 53, scaled the 8,848.86-metre mountain, said his expedition organisers Seven Summit Treks.

A guide for more than two decades, Kami Rita Sherpa first summited the 8,848-metre (29,029-foot) peak in 1994 when working for a commercial expedition. Since then, he has climbed Everest almost every year, several times leading the first rope-fixing team to open the route to world's highest point.

Dubbed as "the Everest man", Sherpa was born in 1970 in Thame, a village in the Himalayas renowned as a breeding ground for successful mountaineers. His Everest Summits are in 1998, 1999, 2002, 2003, 2004, twice in 2006, twice in 2007, 2008, 2009, twice in 2010, 2011, 2012, twice in 2013, 2016, 2017, twice in 2018 and twice in 2019 and twice in 2022.

Reptile 'guest' at pre-wedding shoot

New Delhi: A bride and her groom held pre-wedding shoot, which is not being remembered for its process but something else. The shoot included a reptile and the internet cannot get enough of it.

Internet user Vivekk took to Twitter to share the pictures from his pre-wedding shoot. The first photo shows the woman taking a stroll in the backyard of a house. While walking, she spots a snake and calls a snake rescuer for help.

Two men come on a motorbike to help her. One of them rescues the snake away. The woman is left impressed by the man's ability to capture the snake and then they exchange numbers. The two begin talking and then eventually fell in love.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Thyroid problems cause decreased fertility, increased risk of abortions, affects baby's growth and development. Get your thyroid hormone levels checked before planning pregnancy.

By Dr. Amulya K.G. - Consultant – Obstetrics and Gynecology Manipal Hospital, Mysore.

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

No power supply in city and rural areas tomorrow

Mysuru, June 3- As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has taken up 1st quarterly maintenance works at Doddakere Maidan, Kadakola, T. Narasipur, Mugur, Gargeshwari and Tayur Power Distribution Centres tomorrow (June 4), there will be no power supply from 10 am to 5.30 pm in the following areas:

Doddakere Maidan Power Distribution Centre: Ramanuja Road 1st to 9th Cross, Hosabandikeri, JSS Hospital, Agrahara, Basaveshwara Road, surrounding areas of Chamudipuram, Tyagaraja Road, Gunduraonagar, Dattanagar, Muneshwarnagar, Gowrishankaranagar, Najangud Toll Gate, Tavarekere, Jockey Quarters, Race Course, Sub-Urban Bus Stand, Nazarbad, Ittigegud, surrounding areas of Mysuru Zoo, Government Guest House and surrounding areas, Taluk Office, D. Devaraj Urs Road, Bengaluru-Nilgiri (B.N.) Road, Chamundi Hill, Siddarthanagar, areas around Alanahalli, Giridarshini Layout, surrounding areas of Mysore Palace, Sriharsha Road, Sayyaji Rao Road, Irwin Road and surroundings, Dhanvantri Road and areas around Shivarampet.

Kadakola Power Distribution Centre: Kadakola, Byathahalli, Dadadahalli, Sindhuvalli, Doddakanya, Chikkakanya, Koodanahalli, Kochanahalli, Marase, K.M. Hundi, B.G. Hundi, Makanahundi, KIADB Industrial area, Mysuru Airport, Beeregowdanahundi, K.N. Hundi, Ayarahalli, Kiralu, Doora, Murudagalli, Thaluru, D. Katuru, TVS Factory and surrounding areas.

T. Narasipur Power Distribution Centre: T. Narasipur Town, Kiragasur, T. Doddapura, Hemmige, Benakanahalli, Muthalawadi, Sosale villages and Gram Panchayat (GP) limits.

Mugur Power Distribution Centre: Mugur, Kotthegala, Alagudu, Vatalu, Mugur Mole, Kothawadi, Kothawadi Mole villages and GP limits.

Gargeshwari Power Distribution Centre: Yadadore, Kurisiddanahundi, Gargeshwari, Haletiruamakodalu, Hosakote, Induvalu, Rayarahundi, Hosakempayyanahundi, villages and GP limits.

Tayur Power Distribution Centre: Tayur (lift irrigation), Eshwaragowdanahalli, Vaddarahundi, Beerihundi, Kottarayanahundi, Gejjaganahalli, Kahalli and Kalkunda, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineers NR Mohalla and Nanjangud Divisions.

REALLY...?

- ***A buffalo's weight is the same as that of your car.***
- ***The buffalo does not forgive a wrong: The African buffalo is second only to the elephant in terms of memory. While an elephant never forgets, a buffalo never forgives.***
- ***Cape buffalo can't go for long periods without drinking, and they're seldom more than 10 miles from a source of drinking water. In the warmer months, they wrap themselves in mud and roll around. This helps them avoid insect bites and crush the ones on them.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A woman went to church and was smelling very bad so the Pastor approached her and asked: *Mam, what perfume do you use?* ***Woman:*** *I use the perfume which has two mice on it.* ***Pastor:*** *Interesting, when you go home, please check if one of the mice has fallen inside the perfume!!*

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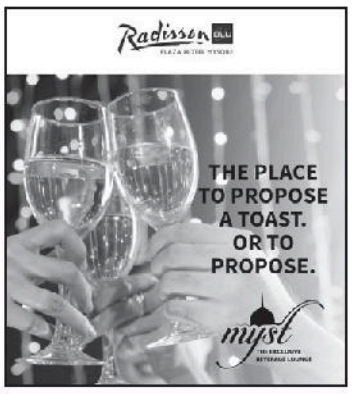

New menace on Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway

Fencing vandalised, stolen

Srirangapatna, June 3 (Vinay Karekura&BCT)- After the theft of stainless-steel angles (metal bars) fixed on electric poles on Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway, a new theft has come to light where the chain-link fencing on both sides of the Highway is being cut and taken away.

Miscreants are cutting the fence and stealing the entire specially fabricated stainless-steel fencing sheets, leaving a gaping hole. At many places, the fencing has been vandalised and bent to facilitate easy movement of people and livestock. As a result, cattle are found squatting on the road at many places. Chain-link fencing, made of high-grade steel, has been installed on both sides of the Expressway for safety purposes and to address the issue of jay-walking.

(See FENCING on page 9)

Many places have gaping holes where the entire chain-link sheets have been cut and taken away

To Our Readers

Turn to Page-8 for Abracadabra titled "Modi must make new Media law for modern India." —Ed

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NEWS BRIEFS

Pratibha Puraskar

Mysore University Employees Co-operative Credit Society Ltd., having office in Maharaja's College premises, has organised Pratibha Puraskar presentaion for meritorious children of the Society members who have scored high marks in SSLC, PUC, Degree, Post-Graduate degree (2022-23) and other equivalent courses, at Maharaja's College Centenary Hall at 9 am tomorrow (June 4). Also, retired members of the Society will be feted on the occasion. University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath, Finance Officer Sangeetha Gajanan Bhat, Association President M.N. Harish Babu and others will be present. [Ph: 0821-2421430 or 2419458]

Coaching class

Krishik Sarvodaya Foundation, having office at CA-25, Gen. K.S. Thimmaiah Road, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, has invited applications from rural and poor students for admission to weekend NEET/ JEE/K-CET coaching classes. Last date for admission is June 10. Preference will be given to early applicants. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2301564 or Mob: 99457-52592 or WhatsApp: 96862-21564.

Medical camp

JSS Ayurveda Hospital, Lalithadripura Road, Alanahalli, Mysuru, is organising Medical Camp on Hypothyroidism at its premises from June 5 to 10 between 9.30 am and 4.30 pm. Patients with problems of fatigue, dry and itchy skin, feeling cold / less tolerance to cold, hoarse voice, unexplained weight gain or weight loss, hair loss, difficulty in concentrating / poor memory, puffiness around the face, hands and face, constipation etc. may avail the benefits of the camp. [Ph: 0821-2548231 or 2548433 or Mob: 98864-85005]

WATER LEVEL

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Today	:	80.36	feet
Yesterday	:	80.26	feet
Inflow	:	944	cusecs
Outflow	:	338	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,819.34	feet
Inflow	:	68	cusecs
Outflow	:	90	cusecs

State rolls out all five guarantee schemes

To cost Karnataka exchequer an estimated Rs. 50,000 crore annually; CM keeps cost factor close to his chest

- **'Gruha Jyothi' from July 1: Likely cost: Rs. 12,000 cr. to Rs. 15,000 cr. per year**
- **'Gruha Lakshmi' from Aug. 15: Likely cost: Rs. 24,000 crore per year**
- **'Shakthi' from June 11: Likely cost: Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 4,000 crore per year**
- **'Anna Bhagya from July 1: Likely cost: Rs. 10,000 crore per year**
- **'YuvaNidhi' scheme in phases: Rs. 1,200 to Rs. 1,300 crore per year**

Bengaluru, June 3 (Agencies)- The Congress Government will implement all the five guarantees in the current financial year, Chief Minister Siddharamaiah said on Friday. He was accompanied by Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar along with a host of Cabinet colleagues.

Siddharamaiah made the announcement after he chaired a Cabinet meeting yesterday noon. He said that the five schemes will be rolled out in a phased manner after identifying the beneficiaries and processing the applications wherever required. "We promised to deliver these guarantees soon after the Cabinet meeting and we will walk the talk on this promise," the CM said.

"The Government has taken utmost care to avoid misuse of the facilities being extended and the misuse of funds while implementing these five guarantees for the benefit of the poor and middle class," he added.

Gruha Jyothi

The scheme to provide 200 units free electricity per month to domestic households, including tenants, will be implemented from July 1, the CM said.

Under the scheme, the free power will be given based on the users' consumption pattern in the last 12 months. For example, if a household has consumed 100 units of electricity on an average in the last 12 months, the user will be entitled to 100 units of free electricity up to 200 units every month this year.

The Government has also provided a buffer of 10 percent from the 200-unit cap, to avoid problems. However, the arrears till July have to be borne by users.

Gruha Lakshmi

The costliest of all schemes accounting for 50 percent of the total expenditure, Gruha Lakshmi, which offers Rs. 2,000 per month to women heads of family, will be implemented from Aug, 15, the CM said.

Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, flanked by Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar and Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara (left), is seen addressing a press meet in Bengaluru yesterday.

He said applications can be submitted from June 15 to July 15. The scheme will be applicable to both BPL and APL card holders, he added.

Women availing social security, old age or disability pension are also eligible. As an Independence Day 'gift', the Government aims to release Rs. 2,000 to the beneficiaries from Aug. 15.

Anna Bhagya

Under the scheme, 10 kg of food grains will be given to every member of a BPL household and Antyodaya card holders from July 1. This will include the 5 kg of free food grains that was given under the previous BJP Government.

Shakti Yojana

Women and transgenders can travel for free in Government buses, other than in luxury, AC classes from June 11. The scheme applies to all four transport corporations, including Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) and Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC), and for travel only within Karnataka.

To identify the beneficiaries, the Government will also roll out 'zero sum' passes to women during journeys. It has also reserved 50 percent of seats for men in KSRTC and removed any sort of reservation in BMTC buses.

YuvaNidhi

Unemployed youngsters who graduated in 2022-23, will be provided an unemployment dole of Rs. 3,000, and diploma holders Rs. 1,500 — for 24 months from the date of registration, the CM said. With just around five lakh beneficiaries, this Nidhi scheme is the cheapest among the five guarantees. The graduates will also be given 6 months of grace period to find employment.

Although the CM did not disclose the expenditure that the five schemes will incur, sources in the Government have pegged their annual cost at Rs. 50,000 crore - Rs. 60,000 crore. "I will not discuss the financial modalities now. I will present all the details during the Budget Session in July," Siddharamaiah said.

Cheating the public: Bommai

Bengaluru, June 3 (Agencies)- Reacting to the CM's announcement, senior BJP leader and former CM Basavaraj Bommai accused the Congress of "cheating the public".

"The Government is not going to give 200 units of free power (under Gruha Jyothi) …they will take into account the one year average power consumption and will give free electricity up to 10 percent more than the average usage. They just cheated the public and they could have told this before elections," he said.

Commenting on the Anna Bhagya scheme, he said, "During elections they said that 10kg rice would be given. The Central Government already gives 5kg rice and the State Government will give 5kg. Will the 10kg announced by the State Government include Ragi and Jowar and besides what the Centre gives?"

State BJP Unit Chief Nalin Kumar Kateel said that he welcomed the guarantees but asked the Government to issue "a white paper on the cost the schemes would incur."

Will leave country bankrupt: Prime Minister Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had on Wednesday mocked the Congress in Rajasthan — the next crucial electoral battleground ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections — raising questions about the stability of its Government and what he called its "guarantee formula" for State elections.

"The Congress has a new formula of guarantees. But are they fulfilling their guarantees? Their guarantees will leave the country bankrupt," he said. "Fifty years ago, the Congress guaranteed that it would remove poverty. But it turned out to be their biggest betrayal of the poor," PM Modi said.

VOICE OF THE READER

Lack of lane discipline and reckless driving taking toll on Highways

Sir,

It is reported that in a ghastly accident 10 persons including the driver of a private car died in a head-on collision with a private bus ***(Nine tourists from Ballari killed as car rams into bus,*** *SOM* ***dated May 30).*** The details given shows that all were young including three children while the maximum age of the adult in the group was 46 years.

It gives me no pleasure in writing this letter but am doing so to give my perception of reasons for accident from the details given in the report to create awareness so that such Highway accidents may be prevented in future.

Obviously both the vehicles were being driven at reckless speed. While bus drivers are immune to advice, not one of the tourists in the car cautioned the driver to control his speed.

The driver of the car made a fatal mistake of not observing the lane discipline. In addition, it appears the curve in the road (near Kurbur village in T. Narasipur taluk on Mysuru-Kollegal Highway) prevented to take timely action to veer to the correct lane in that high speed.

Will people ever learn, is the moot question. My heart goes to the families of those killed.

—H.R. Bapu Satyanarayana,
Retired Chief Engineer
Saraswathipuram
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Ursu Mandali to celebrate Nalwadi Jayanti tomorrow

Mysuru, June 3 (PM&DM)- Ursu Mandali Sangha will celebrate the 139th birth anniversary of Rajarshi Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar at 8.30 am tomorrow (June 4) at the Sangha Office on Thyagaraja Road, K.R. Mohalla in city.

Announcing this at a press meet here yesterday, Sangha President H.M.T. Lingaraje Urs said MLA T.S. Srivatsa, MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, Corporator B.V. Manjunath, KPA Deputy Director N. Niranjanraje Urs and others will take part. A grand procession featuring a tableaux and folk troupes will be taken out from the Sangha to Kalamandira on Hunsur road to attend Nalwadi Jayanti organised by District Administration. The procession will pass through Agrahara Circle, Sayyaji Rao Road and K.R. Circle where the statue of Nalwadi will be garlanded, Lingaraje Urs said. The Sangha was established by the then Dewan of Mysore Sardar M. Kantharaje Urs on Aug. 21, 1922. Sangha Vice-President D. Jayadevaraje Urs, Celebration Committee President M.A. Srikanthraje Urs, Secretary Suma Urs, Joint Secretary N.B. Sharath, Treasurer Mallaraje Urs and others were present.

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—Circulation Manager
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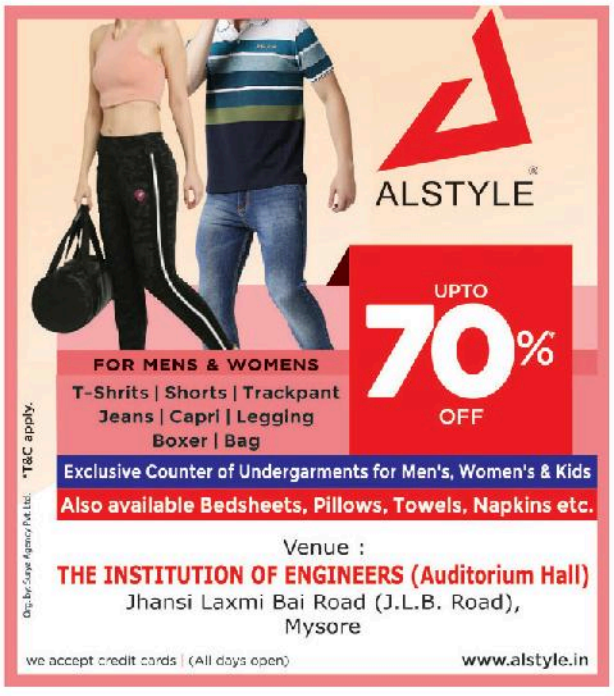
Obituary

Dr. Ramananda Rao

Mysuru, June 3- Noted Ayurveda practitioner of the city Dr. Ramananda Rao passed away at his residence here on Friday. He leaves behind his wife, a son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Dr. Rao, who was a native of Sringeri, practiced Ayurveda at his clinic in Gokulam. He was also a Yoga exponent and taught Yoga at Vontikoppal Andal Mandira for several years. Many organisations had feted him for his service to the society. His body was kept for public viewing this morning, following which the last rites were conducted at the crematorium in Vijayanagar 4th Stage.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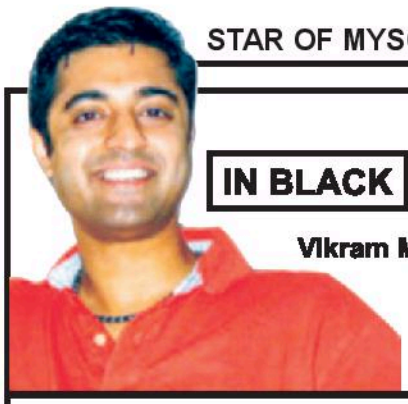

IN BLACK & WHITE

Vikram Muthanna

Break in India !

We are a nation of vandals — wilful destroyers of what is beautiful or venerable. Be it painting love quotes on rocks, etching perverse rhymes on elevator doors, breaking art installations, slashing bus seats, stealing street lights or cutting fences on the new Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway, we are constantly defacing, stealing or destroying public property.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha in a press meet yesterday urged the people not to burgle fences, anglers and bracings on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway. He reminded the people that the fence was their property and had been installed for their own safety.

We are sure his request fell on deaf ears because just a few months ago, he requested the same of the public.

We destroy or vandalise anything good that is provided for us by our Government. This reminds us of what happened to India's first high-speed semi-luxurious train Tejas Express.

This train that runs between Mumbai and Goa came equipped with LCD TVs, Wi-Fi, closed circuit cameras, bio-vacuum toilets and touchless water taps. But by the time the train reached the end of its maiden journey, which was just a few hours long, the LCD screens were dislodged and broken, headphones were stolen, toilets were not flushed and touchless taps were pulled out!

It seems the state of Indian trains reflects our perverse behaviour, more so in North India. The Railway Protection Force (RPF) arrested over 11 lakh people across the country in 2016 for stealing from trains!

The public finds a lot of things to steal from trains — from copper wires to iron bolts, from blankets to washbasins. The public did not even spare the '*lota*'— mug placed to wash one's bum.

The Jabalpur Division of Western Central Railways in 2017 reported that it has lost 1,100 of the 1,800 '*lotas*' it had provided in its trains' lavatories in just two weeks!

Guess, a lot of people on the Jabalpur line desperately needed a bum splash, but what they actually need is a bum lash like Singapore gives its vandalising citizens or anyone who vandalises public property.

In 1994, an American student spray-painted public property in Singapore. He was caught and sentenced to 6 lashes. The then President of the USA Bill Clinton called the Prime Minister of Singapore, Lee Kuan Yew, to pardon him. Prime Minister Lee heeded to his request in such a manner that no President of the US will ever make such a request again. Lee Kuan simply reduced the number of lashes from 6 to 4. No wonder Singapore is Singapore.

There is a saying in Kannada *"Mangana Kaiyalli Manikya Kotanthe"* (It's like giving monkey a precious stone). It means a monkey does not know the value of the gem. So yes, we Indians are like the proverbial monkey. We don't know the value of the good things we have. Be it nature, our historic monuments, our public spaces or public property.

We, for some unknown reason, have the urge to destroy and disfigure property that is not ours.

We have picnics in parks and leave the winds to sweep the paper plates and napkins. Freshly-painted walls are overnight stuck with film posters and graffiti of political movements. We have the unrelenting urge to profess our love by defacing beautiful rock faces and heritage structures with white paint or chalk.

We have no love for our public property; we love only our private property. The only way to reduce this behaviour, and this crime is — punishment.

There are two ways to go about booking a person for the destruction of public property. The Police can use the high-penalty and stringent 'Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act, 1984' or the milder, Indian Penal Code, 1860.

Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act, 1984 says that, if a mob burns down a public property, the miscreants who commit the offence "shall be punished with rigorous imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than one year and can extend up to ten years."

It further states that if the damaged public property is an installation related to the supply of water, power, public transport or telecommunication, then the miscreants "shall be punished with rigorous imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than six months and up to five years."

Have any of us heard of such a punishment given to people who burn buses and cook on highways, destroying the road? No. That's because we don't have guts like Singapore. Our leaders are no Lee Kuan Yew. PM Modi may admire Lee Kuan Yew, but Yew he cannot be. We saw what happened when his party men looted our State. He turned into *Mauna* Mohan Singh, our former PM whom he used to mock for his silence. Let it be.

The Constitution of India, while guaranteeing its citizens certain Fundamental Rights, has also prescribed eleven Fundamental Duties. They are:

1. To abide by the Constitution and respect its ideal and institutions.

2. To cherish and follow the noble ideals which inspired our national struggle for freedom.

3. To uphold and protect the sovereignty, unity and integrity of India.

4. To defend the country and render national service when called upon to do so.

5. To promote harmony and the spirit of common brotherhood amongst all the people of India transcending religious, linguistic, regional or sectional diversities.

6. To renounce practices derogatory to the dignity of women.

7. To value and preserve the rich heritage of our composite culture.

8. To protect and improve the natural environment.

9. To develop the scientific temper, humanism and the spirit of inquiry and reform.

10. To safeguard public property and to abjure violence.

11. To strive towards excellence in all spheres of individual and collective activity so that the nation constantly rises to higher levels of endeavour and achievement.

While citizens are 'morally obligated' by the Constitution to perform these duties, these are "non-justiciable," which means if someone does not perform these duties, he/she cannot be taken to Court. But it was assumed that all Indians love their nation and will do everything to protect it. But alas!

While we have forgotten our duties, we demand everything from the Government, and when the Government gives it, we break it. Our PM wants to 'Make in India' but first, let us use the law to stop the people who 'Break in India.'

Maybe, instead of playing the National Anthem in movie theatres to evoke a sense of nationalism, the Government should read out our fundamental duties to evoke a sense of true patriotism.

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Two-day Mysuru Seed and Food Fest begins

Mysuru, June 3 (MTY&BS)- The two-day Seed and Food Fest organised by Sahaja Samrudha, in collaboration with Swissaid and Research Institute of Organic Agriculture FiBL, opened to a good response at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry in the city this morning.

The Fest will be open from 10 am to 8 pm and concludes tomorrow (June 4).

Baby John of Samudaya Beeja Bank, Teertha, Kundagol in Dharwad district, inaugurated the annual fest by performing puja to mounds of grains like Ragi, Paddy and cowpea (Alasande Kalu), in the presence of Director of Sahaja Samrudha Krishna Prasad, his wife Seema and Dr. Vishnuvardhana, Dean of College of Horticulture, Mysuru, University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot.

About 20 seed saver groups are participating in the Festival, who have brought along with them traditional rice, millet, vegetable, fruits like that of lemon and guava and rare forest seeds, which are also put up for sale.

Over 250 varieties of different vegetables, rice and millet seeds are also available, along with tubers and horticultural crops.

The eatables made of tubers including the packed food items are ready to treat food buffs.

A variety of all weather Jackfruit saplings namely Siddu Halasu, Shankara, Sarvarutu, Gumless and 'Super Early' are also available for sale.

The books on various topics related to agriculture are also available at the fest.

Politics over garbage to be thing of past: MP Simha

Tenders shortly to clear 7 lakh tonnes of legacy waste; Rs. 59 crore, 16 month project

Mysuru, June 3 (PM&BCT)- The controversial Solid Waste Management Unit (Excel Plant) at Sewage Farm, Vidyaranyapuram which has been inviting the wrath of local residents, thanks to the foul smell emanating from the rotting waste, will soon be cleared under Swachh Bharat Mission and Rs. 59 crore has been sanctioned, said Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha.

He was speaking at the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committees (DISHA) meeting held at the office of Deputy Commissioner this noon.

"Tenders will be called within a week and henceforth there will be no garbage politics. We will put an end to politics over garbage and will provide relief to residents who have been suffering for years. We tried our best to clear the seven lakh tonnes of legacy waste that has been dumped over the last 30 years," he said.

Despite much planning, cost allocation and earlier tenders and proposals, the waste clearance project had not taken off. Concrete efforts began only in 2019 when V. Somanna was the District Minister. Due to factors like methodology, re-assessment and other hurdles complicated by petty politics, the waste had remained as-is for four long years," the MP claimed.

"This has been a long-pending demand from the residents of the areas including J.P. Nagar, Kanakagiri, Gundu Rao Nagar, Vidyaranyapuram and Vishweshwaranagar and we will get this work done. Funds has been sanctioned under Swachh Bharat Mission and the proposal has been cleared by the Urban Development Department after getting approval from the Government at various stages. Work will begin soon after the tenders are finalised," Simha said.

Over 500 tonnes of waste generated in the city on a daily basis will henceforth be moved to the Solid Waste Treatment & Recycling Plants at Kesare and Rayanakere. Vidyaranyapuram will be made free of the legacy waste which will be cleared through bioremediation (biomining), the MP added.

Commenting on the nature of works and the timeline, Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy told the meeting that the project timeline is of 16 months and that can be extended to 22 months including monsoon.

The Excel Treatment Plant, Vidyaranyapuram was set up under JnNURM Project in 1996 and solid waste is treated to produce compost. However, tonnes of garbage go untreated. Residents said that the animal carcass and other waste from slaughterhouses were dumped directly into the plant, leading to unbearable stench.

MMC&RI centenary

Another topic that was discussed at the meeting was the centenary celebrations of the Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI). Dean Dr. K.R. Dakshayini told the meeting that the centenary of the iconic institution will be celebrated in Aug. 2024.

"We will begin preparations for the centenary in Sept. 2023 and we are hoping that all the repair and renovation works of K.R. Hospital and Cheluvamba Hospital attached to the MMC&RI are completed. The State Government had released Rs. 89 crore for the renovation works that are being taken up in phases", added Dakshayini. MLAs T.S. Srivatsa, K. Harish Gowda and Darshan Dhruvanarayan, DC Dr. K.V. Rajendra and ZP CEO K.M. Gayathri were present.

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By K.B. Ganapathy

Modi must make new Media law for modern India

Rahul Gandhi is providing more than required grist to the legal luminaries of our country and also to successive Governments at the Centre to study the innumerable civil and criminal laws of our colonial British rulers that we embraced and adopted with glee. It needed a Rahul Gandhi to show us how those laws of a colonial rule (made to suppress the colonised people) do not protect our dignity and aspiration as a FREE people.

Yes, old, draconian, dehumanising laws of the British India could not have been annulled immediately on attaining freedom. But if those laws are allowed to be on our statute books, with self-serving amendments to certain Sections of our law and Articles of our Constitution, even after 75 years of independence, what could be the reason?

We the people of India, who gave unto ourselves a bulky 'fit all' Constitution need an answer for this question from our elected representatives, legal luminaries and wise men of judiciary. The answer cannot come from the ideologically divided intellectuals or politicians. However, the answer and the corrective action can come from Statesmen. But pray, where are they? Where is their public discourse on the subject?

As a journalist let me pick just one law that concerns all journalists, mostly. But it also singes we the people of India. It is about their fundamental right to freedom of speech and expression. The fountain head from which this fundamental right to speech and expression springs is our Constitution. Since independence this British made law seemed draconian for a free democratic country. And we the people must discuss, debate and decide on the law about our freedom of speech and expression and on the question of defamation related to it. We should not avoid bringing a new law just as theologians avoid discussing the question

Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Ex-CJI Justice Dipak Misra

of the First Cause while deliberating about the existence of God! Let it be.

Understandably, there are no 'absolutes' in nature. If there is a mighty mountain, there are the smaller ones too; if there is a roaring river rushing downwards, there are tributaries too. This helps nature to hold itself in balance in times of its fullness and in times of calamities.

Our bulky Constitution too is provided with such self-balancing and self-preserving, 'mechanisms.' Under Article 19(1) a of our Constitution we the people are provided with the right to freedom of speech and expression as part of our fundamental rights. But are the fundamental rights absolute? Without any restriction? As the saying goes, 'your freedom ends where my nose begins.' Hence beware. There is Article 19(2) that tells you about the exceptions to the fundamental rights in terms of 'reasonable restrictions.' It is here the question of defamation arises. What is defamation? Where is the cause of action to invoke the offence? What kind of 'speech and expression' tantamounts to defamation? Why both criminal and civil defamation charges are allowed? etc., etc.

It is interesting, the media, both print and electronic, do not have special mention in our Constitution and it is included in the fundamental right to speech and expression under Article 19(1) a and Article 19(2). So this fundamental right is available to press and electronic media like it is available to every citizen of our country — subject to 'reasonable restrictions.'

However, who will interpret the law and decide what is 'reasonable restriction'? Whether restraint is exercised or not while speaking or writing? The Court, of course. How far it would be just and fair? God only knows, because, after all, as Alexander Pope said, 'Our reason is like our watches, none go just alike, yet each believes his own.'

A discussion and debate must be held in this 75th year of our independence about **'Free Speech, Free Media and Defamation Law'** so that harassment, intimidation and extortions are disabled under a **new law.** That criminal defamation or civil defamation is abolished in other former British colonies cannot be justification for us to follow their example. Let us think Indian and pass the new law in keeping with our dignity and aspiration.

Be that as it may, here I would like to produce excerpts from an article I wrote on this subject in my *Abracadabra* column on Jan. 11, 2018. The title was ***"Supreme Court redeems Journalists' Right to Freedom of Expression."***

Before I come to the case in which this journalist-friendly judgement came from the highest Court of our country, let me quote here what the Chief Justice of India (CJI) Dipak Misra (now retired) said: "There could be some error or enthusiasm in reporting an alleged scam. But we must allow Freedom of Speech and Expression to Press at the fullest. **There may be some wrong reporting. For that they need not be hauled up for defamation."**

The reason for the people, specially those whose name is connected with a scam, scandal or an offence, to rush to the Court and file a criminal or civil defamation case, at the drop of a hat as they say, is that our Constitution does not separate the Right to "Freedom of Speech and Expression" from that of a citizen of our country and the journalists who work for the print and electronic (TV, radio and now the social) media. This has inhibited the media from factual reporting.

In the changed world of journalism, our law-makers should take note of the observation made by the Supreme Court (in a case, filed against the heavyweight journalists Rajdeep Sardesai and Raghav Bahl by the daughter of a former Bihar Minister) and proceed to either amend the Constitution or make appropriate law providing immunity from filing false and frivolous criminal defamation cases against journalists or a citizen.

It may be recalled that some time back there was a debate and discussion at some quarters about annulling the provisions of the criminal defamation and providing only for civil defamation which will save the accused (journalist) from taking bail and being present in the Court for each hearing. And the hearing would, as we know in India, go on for decades! However, the issue was not taken to its logical end leaving it as it was in the IPC and Cr.PC.

A new law regarding the 'Freedom of Speech and Expression' exclusively for the media is the need of our times and it will help strengthen the fourth pillar of Democracy, the Media.

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UoM faculty is Visiting Professor at Japan's Hokkaido Varsity

Mysuru, June 3- Dr. S. Chandra Nayak, a faculty in the Department of Studies in Biotechnology, University of Mysore (UoM), has been appointed as a Visiting Professor at the Hokkaido University in Japan. Currently, Dr. Nayak also holds the position of a Professor in ICAR-AICRP programme, Government of India.

Dr. Nayak

He is an all India head of 11 centres of Pearl millet research laboratories which are located in eight different States, under ICAR, Government of India.

Hokkaido University invites internationally reputed academicians and scientists to improve the quality of education. The Visiting Professors are expected to teach Post-Graduate as well as Ph.D students along with developing bilateral research projects with their faculty members.

Dr. Nayak has been invited to be Visiting Professor at the Global Centre for Food, Resources, Faculty of Agriculture, Hokkaido University. He will be teaching PG students of Food and Agriculture division and also supervising their research projects.

A recipient of Japan's Young Agricultural Scientist Award-2017, Dr. Nayak has contributed in many ways to the development of agri science in India. He holds four patents and has published 12 books, technical bulletins, popular articles, technical notes and 125 research articles in internationally reputed journals. He has the scientific citations of over 5000 with an h index of 42. He has submitted more than 1000 DNA sequences of seed-borne pathogens and bio-control agents of Indian origin to NCBI-USA, EMBL- Europe and DDBJ - Japan database. He is the Fellow of Royal Society of Biology, London; Fellow of Karnataka Science and Technology Academy.

Nominated

Mysuru, June 3- M.V. Nagendra Babu, Founder-President of Brahmibhuta Sri Vasudeva Maharaj Foundation, Mysuru, a Fulbrighter and *Star of Mysore* cartoonist (Banter Babu), has been nominated as a member of the State Executive Committee of Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha (AKBMS), for the year 2023-24 by AKBMS State President Ashok Haranahalli.

Babu

Fencing vandalised, stolen

(Continued from page 3)

Ever since the Expressway was constructed and inaugurated, there have been multiple cases of thefts where LED bulbs, pipes and metal angles of electric poles have been stolen. Now the theft of roadside fencing has brought a new headache for the authorities of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). Project contractor Dilip Buildcon has registered multiple cases in the jurisdictional Police stations.

Cases have been reported in Ramanagara, Channapatna, Maddur and Mandya Police Station limits and according to the Police and NHAI, thieves are using metal cutters to snap the chain-link fencing. Initially, the NHAI thought that the chain-link fencing might have been cut by the people who wanted to cross the road at places. But later, the theft angle came to light when the entire chain-link fencing sheets up to 5 to 10 ft. were missing.

Officials said that they were surprised at the theft and though the Police have been informed, nothing has been done till now. "Part of the chain-link fencing at multiple locations have gone missing. It appears to be the handiwork of anti-social elements and thieves who are selling the metal to scrap dealers," an NHAI Officer said.

Police said that the gaping holes would endanger pedestrians, especially jay-walkers. "There is a general tendency to jay-walk. The hole in the fencing would tempt people to cross the road. This could lead to an accident because of the heavy and speedy vehicular movement," a Traffic Policeman said.

Refrain from stealing or damaging fences: MP

Pratap Simha

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha said that thieves are stealing the fencing material at night, particularly in areas like Ramanagara-Channapatna bypass, Bidadi and Mandya bypass and are later sold at scrap yards. Efforts are underway to address this issue by installing CCTV cameras in these locations.

Speaking to reporters in Mysuru yesterday, MP Pratap Simha has urged the public to refrain from stealing or damaging the chain-link fencing, as well as the related structures like anglers and bracings. "The Expressway has been built for public convenience and it is a public property and it is your responsibility to join hands with the Government to maintain South India's world-class road," he said.

He said that the Expressway is access-controlled and vehicles move at high speeds, making it unsafe to remove the fences and cross the roads. "To enhance security there are plans to seek Rs. 80 crore from the State Government to install CCTV cameras along the Expressway," he said.

"It is important for the public to recognise that these fences are their own property and should not be stolen. Ensuring the safety of individuals using the Expressway remains a priority until the installation of the CCTV cameras is completed," he added.

Actor Nithin Gopi of 'Hello Daddy' fame no more

Nithin Gopi

Bengaluru, June 3 (BS)- Actor Nithin Gopi (39), who had acted in several Kannada films as a child artiste and had also directed some of the TV serials of late, died of heart attack here yesterday.

Nithin Gopi had acted in 'Saahasa Simha' Vishnuvardhan starrer 'Hello Daddy' and several other films as a child actor. He had won many fans especially for his acting in the song 'Shaalege E Dina Raja.' His other films as a child artiste were 'Chirabandhavya,' 'Nishyabda,' 'Keralida Kesari' to name a few.

Nithin, who was residing at an apartment in Ittamadu in the city, had suffered heart attack at about 4 am. Family members tried to rush him to a hospital, but he died on his way to the hospital, according to sources. He had also directed some of the tele serials produced by Shruti Naidu Productions and Balaji Telefilms.

Depressed by sister's death, doctor commits suicide

Dr. Venugopal

Mandya, June 3 (BS)- A 57-year-old doctor has allegedly died by suicide near a lake in Kudaragundi village in Maddur taluk in the district.

Dr. Venugopal, who was a surgeon at Sanjo Hospital near Ummadahalli gate, is the doctor who is suspected to have taken the extreme step out of depression due to his sister's death.

Dr. Venugopal, who had reported to duty at the hospital on Thursday morning, also treated some of the patients, before leaving the hospital for KSRTC Bus Stand in Maddur at around 4 pm. He went near the lake in Kudaragundi in Maddur where he allegedly took the extreme step.

The incident came to light on June 2 morning, when the farmers went to field and found him hanging from a tree. Maddur Police, who rushed to the spot, shifted the body to MIMS mortuary and have registered a case.

Rider killed as bus hits

Mysuru, June 3 (SBD&BS)- A two-wheeler rider was killed on the spot after he was run over by a KSRTC Volvo bus near Srirampura in the city yesterday afternoon.

Shivaraju (56), a resident of Srirampura, is the deceased person. He was riding his vehicle towards Srirampura, when the KSRTC bus of Mysuru-Sargur route hit his vehicle from the rear side at the curve near Ashwini Kalyana Mantapa, at around 3 pm.

Shivaraju, who fell off the vehicle came under the wheels of the bus and breathed his last on the spot.

DCP (Crime and Traffic) S. Jahnavi, ACP (Traffic) Parashuramappa, Inspector of Kuvempunagar Traffic Police Station Chikkaraja Shetty and SI Jayaprakash visited the spot.

The body was shifted to MMC and RI mortuary for post-mortem. Kuvempunagar Traffic Police have registered a case.

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2	Development of customized fertilizer for higher mulberry productivity (PPA-01034 SI)	Jun 2027	B.Sc. in Life Sciences/ Agricultural Sciences		10.00 AM	11.30 AM
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ಪತ್ರ ಸಂ: ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಕಜಮಂ/ಕಾಅ/ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ/ಸಅ–1/ 360 /2023–24 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 29–05–2023

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Odisha three-train accident toll rises to 288; 900 injured

PM Modi to visit accident site; CM Siddharamaiah sends Minister Santosh Lad for Kannadigas' help

New Delhi, June 3 (Agencies)- At least 288 people (numbers till 12.30 pm today) were killed and around 900 were injured in a horrific three-train collision in Odisha's Balasore last night, the country's deadliest rail accident in more than 20 years.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit the train accident site and meet with injured people at hospitals in Cuttack, sources said. Modi chaired a high-level meeting in Delhi this morning to review the situation along with Union Home Minister Amit Shah and other Ministers.

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddharamaiah has deputed a team led by Minister Santosh Lad to ensure the safety of Kannadigas in the incident. He sought reports from the Chief Secretary and directed the concerned officers to visit the spot to ensure the safety of Kannadigas and provide all necessary support to them.

A team headed by Minister Santosh Lad, accompanied by Manoj Rajan, Commissioner, Disaster Management and other officers has already left for Balasore.

The crash involved the Bengaluru-Howrah Superfast Express, the Shalimar-Chennai Central Coromandel Express, and a goods train. The accident saw one train ram so hard into another that carriages were lifted high into the air, twisting and then smashing off the tracks. Another carriage had been tossed entirely onto its roof, crushing the passenger section.

Human error?

The accident may have been the result of human error since the train took the wrong track minutes before the tragedy, according to initial reports from the signalling control room of the Railways. To be sure, the cause of the accident will only be identified after a thorough examination.

According to a video from the signalling control room of Kharagpur division of the Railways, the Chennai-bound Coromandel Express took a loop line where the goods train was parked just after crossing Bahanagar Bazaar Station at about 6.55 pm on Friday, instead of the main line, according to a senior Railway official

The Coromandel Express, running at about 127 km per hour, collided with the goods train and derailed on the main line, an official from the Railway Ministry said. Within minutes of the collision, the Howrah-bound Yesvantpur Express coming from the opposite side collided with the Coromandel Express.

"How it happened and why it happened, will be found in the detailed inquiry that the Railway Board has ordered. But *prima facie* it appears to be a human error," the official said.

A similar accident occurred in 1995 in Firozabad in Uttar Pradesh, where three trains collided. Around 350 persons were killed in that accident and the rescue operations went on for three days.

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said a high-level committee will be set up to investigate the train crash. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has declared one-day State mourning in view of the horrific train crash. Vaishnaw has announced compensation of Rs. 10 lakh for those who have died, Rs. 2 lakh for those seriously injured and Rs. 50,000 for those who sustained minor injuries in the accident.

PM Modi too expressed his distress over the accident, and announced a compensation of Rs. 2 lakh for the family of the dead and Rs. 50,000 for the injured from the PM's National Relief Fund (PMNRF).

Over 48 trains have been cancelled, 39 diverted and 10 trains have been short terminated due to the accident, which happened on the Howrah-Chennai main line in the Kharagpur division of the South Eastern Railway.

Awareness on World Club Foot Day

Mysuru, June 3- World Club Foot Day was celebrated in the premises of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple here this morning by Mysore Orthopaedic Association along with Rotary Mysore, Club Foot Society of India, Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) and JSS Medical College.

The Day is celebrated to raise public awareness on Congenital talipes equinovarus (CTEV), often known as 'Club Foot,' a common but little studied developmental disorder of the lower limb.

Dr. K.R. Dakshayani, Dean and Director of MMC&RI, presided over the event commemorating the birth anniversary of Dr. Ignacio Ponseti (3 June 1914 - 18 October 2009), who developed the Ponseti Method, which is now the Orthopaedic standard treatment for children born with club foot. His works in treatment of club foot has been a guiding light to doctors and has resulted in changing the lives of millions of children worldwide. It is a treatable condition but often neglected due to lack of awareness.

Office-bearers of Mysore Orthopaedic Association, Orthopaedic doctors of MMC&RI, JSS Medical College, Rotarians and hundreds of students were present along with successfully treated children and their parents.

GTTC invites application for 1-year training

Mysuru, June 3- The Government Tool Room and Training Centre (GTTC), Mysuru, has invited applications from SSLC pass or failed students for 1-year theory and practical training from experts in Turning, Milling and Grinding divisions. Training will start from June 12. Economically backward SC and ST candidates will be provided free training under AITT scheme and an attractive stipend will also be given.

Government of Karnataka and Toyota-Kirloskar have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and over 60 candidates have been given job offers.

For details, contact Mob: 99454-42654 or 99453-49638.

Nada Kishorothsava: Entries invited from artistes

Mysuru, June 3- Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha is organising 'Nada Kishorothsava' programme from Sept. 8 to 10. The competition will be in Karnatak and Hindustani Classical Music. Both vocal and instrumental except percussion instruments.

The age limit for the artiste to participate is 30 years and should be able to give a full-fledged concert.

The soft copy of the biodata with live audio of a concert should be sent by e-mail: ***ksnpin50@gmail.com*** before July 8.

Ten selected artistes will perform during September. Selected artistes will receive intimation by Aug. 8.

Further details can be had from Hon. Secretary KSN Prasad on Mob: 94482-82501, according to a press release.

One held for footwear showroom theft

Mysuru, June 3 (BS)- Kuvempunagar Police have cracked the theft case at the showroom of a reputed footwear brand by arresting a 20-year-old youth.

Prajwal, a resident of the city, is the arrested person from whom the Police have recovered a two-wheeler, two cell phones and Rs. 5,500 cash.

On May 7, the shutter of Puma Showroom was broken open and Rs. 27,000 cash, footwears worth Rs. 20,000, caps and purses had been stolen.

Kuvempunagar Police, who had registered a case arrested Prajwal, who along with his accomplices Nitin, Basha and Chetan is involved in similar cases at other parts of Mysuru, Bengaluru, Hospet and Arasikere and several other places in the State.

Kuvempunagar Police team, led by Inspector Narayan Swamy that included Sub-Inspectors Gopal and Radha, Assistant Sub-Inspectors Kantharaju and Mahadev, Police personnel Virupaksha, Manjunath, Anand, Puttappa, Hazarath, Suresh, Nagesh and Srinivas were present.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Crime and Traffic, S. Jahnavi and Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP), KR Sub-Division, Gangadhara Swamy supervised the investigation.

Awards for young achievers: Applications invited

Mysuru, June 3- Marking the 144th birth anniversary of K.H. Ramaiah, the city-based Karnataka Rajya Vokkaligara Vikasa Vedike, having office at No. 3, City Bus Stand building, Second Floor, K.R.Circle, has invited entries from young achievers for presentation of 'Bala Vikasa Shri', 'Yuva Vikasa Shri' and 'Vikasa Shri' awards. The last date for submission of entries is June 20.

The award will be conferred at K.H. Ramaiah Jayanti celebration in the city on July 12.

For details, contact Mob:99026-98623, according to a release.

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- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  Daredevil Musthafa (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  Daredevil Musthafa (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
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- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Veeran (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
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- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — **Ph: 2452958**
  PS 2 (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Kathar Basha Endra Muthuramalingam - 2 Shows
  The Kerala Story (H) - 2 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Ph: 2497199**
  Tiger (H) - 4 Shows
- **Uma Theatre** — **Ph: 2520009**
  Day and Someone (Te) - 4 Shows

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Spider Man (E)	(S-1)	10.35 am, 4.10 pm, 7.05, 9.55 pm
Spider Man (K)	(S-1)	1.25 pm
Zara Hatke Zara Bachke (H)	(S-2)	10.40 am, 7.10 pm, 9.55 pm
Yadha Yadha Hi (K)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
Daredevil Musthafa (K)	(S-2)	4.05 pm; (S-4) 6.55 pm
The Boogeyman (E)	(S-3)	11.15 am, 10.00 pm
Veeran (Ta)	(S-3)	1.25 pm
Nenu Student Sir (Te)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Radha Ramana (K)	(S-3)	7.20 pm
Fast X (E-3D)	(S-4)	10.45 am, 10.00 pm
The Kerala Story (H)	(S-4)	1.40 pm
Pinki Elli (K)	(S-4)	4.35 pm

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Spider-man (E)	:	10.45 am, 1.20 pm, 6.25 pm
Spider-man (K)	:	3.50 pm, 9.00 pm
Zara Hatke Zara Bachke (H)	:	10.45 am, 3.55 pm, 6.30 pm, 9 pm
Radha Ramana (K)	:	10.50 am
Daredevil Musthafa (K)	:	1.05 pm
The Kerala Story (H)	:	1.15 pm
Yadha Yadha Hi (K)	:	4.05 pm, 9.00 pm
Nenu Student Sir ! (Te)	:	6.35 pm

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Fast X (E-3D)	:	9.55 am, 3.50 pm, 10.00 pm
Zara Hatke Zara Bachke (H)	:	9.55 am, 10.55 am, 1.45 pm 4.35 pm, 7.25 pm, 10.15 pm
The Kerala Story (H)	:	10.00 am, 6.45 pm
Spider-man (E)	:	10.10 am, 1.15 pm, 4.20 pm 7.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Spider-man (K)	:	12.45 pm
Spider-man (H)	:	7.00 pm
The Boogeyman (E)	:	3.45 pm, 10.25 pm
Veeran (Ta)	:	10.40 am, 3.30 pm, 6 pm
The Little Mermaid (E-3D)	:	12.55 pm
Pinki Elli (K)	:	1.00 pm
Daredevil Musthafa (K)	:	1.55 pm, 10.00 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	5.15 pm
Guardians of Galaxy Vol. 3 (E-3D)	:	6.50 pm
2018 (Ma)	:	9.15 pm
Neymar (Ma)	:	9.45 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210

Spider-man (E)	:	9.40 am, 12.45 pm, 3.50 pm 6.55 pm, 10.00 pm
Spider-man (K)	:	11.20 am
Zara Hatke Zara Bachke (H)	:	10.20 am, 2 pm, 4.50, 7.40 pm, 10.30 pm
The Kerala Story (H)	:	11.00 am, 4.25 pm
Veeran (Ta)	:	1.10 pm, 9.30 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.25 pm
Daredevil Musthafa (K)	:	3.10 pm, 10.15 pm
Fast X (E)	:	6.30 pm
Yadha Yadha Hi (K)	:	7.25 pm

EVENTS TODAY (JUNE 3)

- **Sri Raghavendra Swamy Brindavana Sannidhana, Krishnamurthypuram:** 76th Brindavana Pratishtapana Vardhantyotsava Jnanasatra, discourse on 'Srimad Ramayana' by Pt. Raghottamacharya Nagasampige, Bagalkot, Tatva Jnana Mandira, Mutt premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm.**
- **Ranjani Memorial Trust, Udupi:** June Bhaitak programme by Amritha Shenoy Kamath from Mumbai, accompanied by Meghashyam Keshav on tabla and Prasad Kamat on harmonium, Ninaada, Rishabh Siddhi Layout, Kergalli, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Srinivasaswamy Temple:** Sri Srinivasaswamy Annual Festival, Sri Padmavati Ammanavara Vardhanti, Pushpa Pallaki Utsava, Temple premises, Tilak Nagar, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Yadugiri Yatiraja Mutt, Mysuru Branch - Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple:** Souramana Sri Narasimha Jayanti, Tiruveedi Utsava, Temple premises, No. 58, 2nd Cross, Kalidasa Road, Jayalakshmipuram, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JUNE 4)

- **Mysore University Employees Co-operative Credit Society:** Felicitation to retired employees and Pratibha Puraskar presentation, University of Mysore (UoM) Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath and UoM Finance Officer Dr. Sangeetha Gajanana Bhat chief guests, Society President M.N. Harish Babu presides, Society Vice-President K.B. Murthy will be present, Maharaja's College Centenary Hall, **9.30 am.**
- **Sri Adishakti Bandatamma Kalamma Charitable Trust:** Felicitation to newly elected Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda, Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji of Adichunchanagiri Mutt graces the occasion, Sri Bandatamma Kalamma Samudaya Bhavana, K.G. Koppal, **10.30 am.**
- **Sakhi Foundation and Surya Charitable Trust:** Painting competition under the title 'Hasire-Usiru' as part of World Environment Day, **9.30 am;** Prize distribution, Taraka Park, Jayalakshmi PU College, Ramakrishnanagar, **11.30 am.** [Mob: 83103-06882 or 99647-90442]
- **Sahaja Samrudha, Swissaid and Research Institute of Organic Agriculture FiBL:** Seed and Food Festival, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, **10 am to 8 pm.**
- **Mysuru Rail Museum:** World Environment Day, Drawing/painting contest for school children, **10.30 am to 12.30 pm.**
- **Abhivruddhi:** Silk India-2023, grand display and sale of silk/cotton sarees and other varieties of sarees, Hotel Southern Star, Vinobha Road, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.** [Mob: 78924-03536]
- **District Administration, Zilla Panchayat (ZP), Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), Mysore Palace Board and Kannada & Culture Department:** Rajarshi Sri Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Jayanti celebrations, procession from Khille Venkataramanaswamy Temple to Kalamandira, **9.30 am;** Social Welfare Minister H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates in the presence of CM Siddharamaiah, Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda presides, Animal Husbandry & Sericulture Minister K. Venkatesh offers floral tributes to portrait of Nalwadi, Kalamandira, Hunsur Road, **11.30 am.**
- **Sri Basaveshwara Vadhu-Varara Vivaha Vedike, Mysuru and Sri Basaveshwara Samskrutika Pratishtana:** Veerashaiva-Lingayat Matrimonial Meet, Vidyabharati Kalyana Mantapa, near Gun House, **12 pm to 5 pm.**
- **Karavali Yakshagana Kendra:** Inauguration of Yakshagana classes and Talamaddale programme by retd. Sanskrit Professor Venkatachala Hegde, Karavali Yakshagana Kendra President Sridhar Aital presides, Karavali Yakshagana Kendra Gurus Manoj Bhat and Abhishek Bhat will be present, Vijaya Vittala Vidyashala premises, Saraswathipuram, **4 pm.**
- **Geeth Gaatha Chal-21:** Musical show by Doctors and their family, felicitation to K.B. Ganapathy, Founder-Editor of *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra*, event patrons Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy, Industrialist and Philanthropist and Kusuma Shenoy, Founder-Patron Dr. C. Umesh Kamath will be present, Organising Chairperson Dr. P.A. Kushalappa will be present, Syed Aftab Ahmed & Dr. G.D. Ravikumar will compere, MMC&RI Platinum Jubilee Hall, J.K. Grounds, **4.30 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendra Swamy Brindavana Sannidhana, Krishnamurthypuram:** 76th Brindavana Pratishtapana Vardhantyotsava Jnanasatra, discourse on 'Srimad Ramayana' by Pt. Raghottamacharya Nagasampige, Bagalkot, Tatva Jnana Mandira, Mutt premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm.**
- **Suttur Mutt:** Moonlight Music-255, vocal concert by Vidu. Sooryagayathri, Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Chandragiriya Teeradalli,' written by Dr. Sara Abubakar, directed by Amit J. Reddy, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

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		3.50 pm, 6.55 pm, 10 pm
	(S-4)	7.25 pm
Zara Hatke Zara Bachke (H)	(S-3)	10.10 am
	(S-1)	11.10 am, 2 pm, 4.50 pm
		7.40 pm, 10.30 pm
Yadha Yadha Hi (K)	(S-3)	7.25 pm
Pinki Elli? (K)	(S-3)	5.00 pm
Daredevil Musthafa (K)	(S-3)	1.00 pm
Veeran (Ta)	(S-4)	10.15 am, 4.15 pm
Fast X (E-3D)	(S-4)	1.25 pm, 10.20 pm
The Kerala Story (H)	(S-3)	10.10 pm
Trailer Screening Show	(S-3)	4.15 pm

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Daredevil Musthafa (K)	(S-1)	10.10 am, 7.05 pm
The Kerala Story (H)	(S-4)	3.25 pm
	(S-1)	10.20 pm
Spiderman (K)	(S-2)	4.20 pm
Spiderman (E)	(S-2)	10.10 am, 1.15 pm
		7.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Zara Hatke Zara Bach Ke (H)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 1.20 pm
		4.10 pm, 7, 9.50 pm
Veeran (Ta)	(S-4)	12.15 pm, 6.35 pm
Hint (K)	(S-1)	1.25 pm
Yadha Yadha Hi (K)	(S-1)	4.20 pm
Neymar (Ma)	(S-4)	9.45 pm
Trailers Screening Show	(S-4)	11.30 am

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